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January 9, 2007

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF PUBLIC WORKS CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS 1, 2, AND 5
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to prepare the construction and maintenance services contracts in the form previously approved by County Counsel, execute the contracts, and establish the effective dates following receipt of approved Faithful Performance and Labor and Material bonds filed by the contractors for the following:

Project ID No. RDC0013803 - Guardrail Replacement Project, vicinity of Lancaster (5), to Southland Construction, in amount of \$222,950.00.

Project ID No. RDC0014356 - Normandie Avenue, et al., vicinity of Inglewood (2), to Sully-Miller Contracting Company, in amount of \$2,713,186.30.

Project ID No. RDC0014854 - Imperial Highway - Shoemaker Avenue/Carmenita Road, et al., vicinity of Santa Fe Springs (1), to C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc., in amount of \$335,932.00.

Project ID No. RMD3246034 - Palm Tree Trimming, RD 232/233, MD 3, FY 2006-07, vicinity of Inglewood (2), to West Coast Arborists, Inc., in amount of \$167,130.00.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

We are recommending that your Board award these construction and maintenance services contracts and authorize the Director of Public Works, or his designee, to execute the contracts and establish the effective contract dates following receipt of approved bonds and insurance filed by contractors for each of these projects.

The enclosure for each project includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, a tabulation of bids, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of bids and the original bid proposals for each project are also enclosed, including addenda to the contract specifications for Project ID Nos. RDC0013803 and RCD0014356.

The recommended construction and maintenance services contracts are necessary to execute Board-directed and approved Public Works projects in support of operational missions. Your Board's approval of the recommended contract awards and our subsequent execution of the contracts will ensure the timely completion of the projects.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The award of these construction and maintenance services contracts is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since these contracts will provide improved infrastructure to better serve the public.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The enclosure for each project includes the amount of the recommended contract as compared with the engineer's estimate and the other bids received.

These projects are included in the 2006-07 Department of Public Works Budget. The enclosure for each project includes more detailed fiscal and financial information.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Recommended contract awards are to the lowest responsible bidders in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives.

On October 27, 1981, your Board adopted a program for the use of small Minority and Women-owned Businesses (MWBs) on Federal- and State-funded highway construction contracts. Companies meeting these requirements are certified by the State as Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs). An overall goal for subcontracting portions of the work to DBEs is established for each project. Contracts are recommended for award to the lowest responsible bidder who meets the goal or documents a good faith effort to do so in conformance with the program.

We have also developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, each of these projects was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contracts will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractors.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

These projects were found to be categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act at the time your Board called for bids. The specifics of these findings are included in the enclosure for each project.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

The contracts were solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees.

Public Works has confirmed that all of the respective contractors are in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contracts are awarded to responsible contractors with satisfactory performance histories, bidders are required to report False Claims Act violations, labor law/payroll violations, debarments, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by all of the respective contractors was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contracts.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

These construction and maintenance services contracts will result in improved public works infrastructure in the communities where the work is scheduled. Where appropriate, local residents and businesses will be informed that traffic and local access may be mildly disrupted during the construction. The proposed schedules for construction are included in the enclosure for each project.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0013803, GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT PROJECT
(in the vicinity of Lancaster), Supervisorial District 5

TYPE OF WORK: Removal of existing guardrail, installation of new guardrail, and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: October 31, 2006 (Agenda No. 48)

BID OPENING DATE: November 28, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Reza Mohamedi, an individual dba Southland Construction 3943 Irvine Boulevard, Suite 40 Irvine, California 92602 (714) 488-2891	\$222,950.00
2	Harris Steel Fence Co., Inc.	\$244,983.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$208,470.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$222,950.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 14,480.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 6.9 percent above the estimate.

This project will be administered under the Federal Hazard Elimination Safety Program covered by County-State Agreement No. 71078. Under this program, Federal-aid funds will be used to finance a portion of the project cost. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

Southland Construction has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (x)(17), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 1530 (c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 40 working days. It is estimated the work will start in February and be completed in April 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014356, NORMANDIE AVENUE, ET AL.
(in the vicinity of Inglewood), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Resurfacing and reconstruction of roadway pavement; reconstruction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, driveways, curb ramps, and cross gutters; removal, root pruning, and planting of parkway trees; modification of traffic signals; and the installation of striping and pavement markings.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 14, 2006 (Agenda No. 48)

BID OPENING DATE: December 19, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	Sully-Miller Contracting Company, a corporation 1100 East Orangethorpe Avenue, Suite 200 Anaheim, California 92801 (714) 578-9628	\$2,713,186.30
2	Alliance Streetworks, Inc.	\$2,721,452.65
3	Service First Contractors Network, Inc.	\$2,778,702.10
4	Shawnan	\$2,832,021.20
5	All American Asphalt	\$2,899,999.00
6	Excel Paving Company	\$2,934,214.66
7	Security Paving Company, Inc.	\$3,409,306.70

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$2,643,439.85
Amount of recommended contract	\$2,713,186.30
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 69,746.45

The amount of the recommended contract is 2.6 percent above the estimate.

This project will be administered under the Federal Surface Transportation Program covered by Agreement No. 71078 with the State of California. Under this program, Federal-aid funds allocated to local agencies are used to finance a portion of the cost of qualifying road improvement projects. This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Proposition C Local Return Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISES DATA:

Sully-Miller Contracting Company has four MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a MWBE participation of 8.4 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(9), (x)(14), and (x)(22), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 (c) of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 140 working days. It is estimated the work will start in March and be completed in September 2007.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RDC0014854, IMPERIAL HIGHWAY - SHOEMAKER AVENUE/
CARMENITA ROAD, ET AL. (in the vicinity of Santa Fe Springs),
Supervisory District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Landscaping of roadway medians including planting of trees, shrubs, and ground cover; construction of stained concrete pavement; installation of an automatic irrigation system; and other appurtenant work.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: November 8, 2006 (Agenda No. 30)

BID OPENING DATE: December 5, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc., a corporation 13263 Yorba Avenue Chino, California 91710 (909) 590-2626	\$335,932.00
2	Tropical Creations, Inc.	\$349,857.50
3	America West Landscape, Inc.	\$424,351.60
4	*Belaire West Landscape, Inc.	\$446,374.00

*MWBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$411,928.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$335,932.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 75,996.00

Sully-Miller Contracting Company submitted a bid in the amount of \$525,874.00; however, they do not have the required C27 license to perform the work. Therefore, their bid was considered nonresponsive and rejected.

The amount of the recommended contract is 18 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

C.S. Legacy Construction, Inc., has two MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract, yielding a proposed MWBE participation of 8.2 percent.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (x)(9), (x)(10), and (x)(13), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301 (c) and (h) of the California Environmental Quality Act guidelines.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The project is to be completed in 50 working days. It is estimated work will start in March and be completed in May 2007. Local residents and business will be informed that traffic and local access will be mildly disrupted during the construction.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT
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PROJECT ID NO. RMD3246034, PALM TREE TRIMMING, RD 232/233, MD 3,
FY 2006-07 (in the vicinity of Inglewood), Supervisorial District 2

TYPE OF WORK: Trimming and removal of parkway palm trees.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: October 10, 2006 (Agenda No. 38)

BID OPENING DATE: November 7, 2006

BID SUMMARY:

Low	West Coast Arborists, Inc., a corporation 2200 East Via Burton Street Anaheim, California 92806 (714) 991-1900	\$167,130.00
2	TrueGreen LandCare, LLC	\$224,050.00

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$128,027.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$167,130.00
Amount of recommended contract above estimate	\$ 39,103.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 31 percent above the estimate, which was based on previous contract items for similar items of work. However, recent increase in fuel prices resulted in higher costs to the contractor and consequently resulted in higher bids. We do not believe readvertising the project will result in a more favorable bid; therefore, we recommend this project be awarded to the low bidder.

This project is included in the Fiscal Year 2006-07 Road Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

West Coast Arborist, Inc., has no MWBE subcontractors/suppliers under this contract.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (j), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 60 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in January and be completed in March 2007.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The contractor's industrial safety record indicates one accident resulting in a fatality on October 3, 2002. The West Coast Arborist employee who suffered the fatal accident was not working on property controlled by West Coast Arborist and was not supervised by anyone from West Coast Arborist. West Coast Arborist's compensation insurance carrier handled the case. West Coast Arborist's operation on County projects has been conducted in accordance with the appropriate safety standards.

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